

SENATE BILL 1414

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63
and Section 68-11-262, relative to charges to
uninsured patients for health care services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262 (a), is amended by deleting the language “uninsured patient to pay for services in an amount that exceeds one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the average commercial health insurance reimbursement for the services provided.” and by substituting instead the language “uninsured patient to pay more for services rendered to the patient than the participating fee amount the health care facility would receive from Medicare if the same services were provided to a Medicare recipient.”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 63-1-1__.

(a) Each health care provider licensed under this title shall be prohibited from requiring an uninsured patient to pay more for services rendered to the patient than the participating fee amount the health care provider would receive from Medicare if the same services were provided to a Medicare recipient.

(b) As used in this section, the term “uninsured patient” has the same meaning as this term is defined in § 68-11-262.

(c) Information obtained by the division of health related boards as to the amounts billed for services by a health care provider, pursuant to this section, shall be maintained on a confidential basis.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.